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*The newsletter of
First Presbyterian Church*

OCTOBER 31, 2022



OCTOBER 30TH COSTUME PARADE

The FPC Costume Parade was enjoyed by all from the youngest participants to the Honorary Senior Grand Marshals. You'll see the evidence of the joy in the pictures below as well as those on the following 2 pages.

Thanks to all who participated and all who organized this intergenerational event.



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15 a.m.

Adult Church School Meet and Greet on Zoom & In Person in the Westminster Room Program starts at 9:30 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

Nursery open for infants - two-year-olds.

9:30 a.m.

Younger Children's Class
Room 306
Older Children's Class
Room 301

10:45 a.m.

Worship in the Sanctuary.
Childcare is available for children younger than kindergarten.



In Person and Live-Stream Worship

Visit www.oldfirstchurch.org to download Sunday's bulletin and view the service. Services are recorded and available for later viewing on YouTube @FPCTallahassee.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday





Ordination and Installation of Elders

Sunday, October 30, 2022

Class of 2025:
Jane Atkinson-Diaz
Donna Barber
Carolyn Bradley
Debbie Gibson
Patrick Kennedy
Sue Safford
David Strange
Class of 2024 Vacancy:
Will Fixel





Stewardship Sunday is November 6.

We are grateful to those of you who have already responded with your pledges.

We need your pledges by November 6 in order for the session to develop a budget for 2023. Please prayerfully consider increasing your pledge to support the church as we embark on a new church experience.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Your Compassion and Social Justice Ministry Team is committed to providing a monthly opportunity for members of the congregation to put hands and feet to their faith by serving our less fortunate neighbors. Already we have a monthly commitment to feed the homeless at Grace Mission on the second Sunday from 4 - 6.

We are also working again with Second Harvest, our local food bank serving low income people from Leon and 16 surrounding counties. In talking with their volunteer coordinator, she highlighted a renewed effort they are starting--bread boxing. In the past, we've sorted canned goods, checked dates to assure the food is within guidelines, and worked in the cooler. This sounds like it requires less physical effort so anyone can do it. She has said that they could use up to 10 volunteers; we'd like to have at least 6.

Right now we've set our volunteer time as the first Friday of the month--November 4 next month. We will be there from 9:45 - 12. If you are interested in joining your First Pres family in helping provide food for the hungry in November, you can sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4caca72ca3f85-second>

or

contact Debbie Gibson at gibsond1207@mail.com or 850-656-3659.

We hope you can join us some time soon.



On Friday, November 4 at noon The Village Square's God Squad will continue the 2022-2023 season with Holy Misconceptions, Batman. Isn't Hanukkah the most important holiday to Jews? Don't Catholics object to sex unless reproduction is the goal? Don't all religions worship the same God and (more or less) teach the same things? Doesn't the Bible say that God helps those who help themselves? Come and consider many of the myths, truths, and misunderstandings that everyday people have about religion in America.

Joining us for God Squad are Father Tim Holeda of St. Thomas More Co-Cathedral, Dr. Gary Shultz of First Baptist Church Tallahassee, and Dr. Parvez Ahmed of University of North Florida. We are also delighted to bring back our friend Retired Rabbi Jack Romberg.

This event will be held at First Baptist Church of Tallahassee. Meet the panelists and RSVP for the November 4th program here: <https://tlh.villagesquare.us/event/batman/>.

All God Squad forums are free and open to the public. Lunch is available for \$10 if you RSVP by 10/28 and \$15 with a late reservation or at the door. Questions? Contact eliza@villagesquare.us or at 850-281-1223.



The Choir meets at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and we are open to all singers.

Contact Ethan Murphy or the church office for more information.

A collage featuring a pile of autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red on the left, and a round analog clock on the right. The clock face is white with black numbers and hands, set against a dark, textured background. The clock shows a time around 1:50.

Fall Back

Daylight Saving Time
Ends at the Stroke of
Midnight
Saturday, November 5



Adult Church School

Sunday, November 6, 2022

9:30 a.m. start time

(9:15 a.m. meet and greet)

**Justice in Hinduism, and Confucianism
with Guest Speaker Robert Atkinson**

This Sunday we continue to our exploration of other faith traditions for their concepts of justice as we welcome back Rob Atkinson.



**Food Offering
for Elder Care Services and
Second Harvest of the Big Bend
Sunday, Nov. 6th**

We will receive donated dry and canned food in the narthex on the first Sunday of the month. The items we collect will be given to Second Harvest of the Big Bend and Elder Care Services to support their much-needed efforts to feed the hungry in our community and the surrounding service area. On October 23rd, our first resumed collection, the First Pres congregation contributed over 100 items, totaling 161 pounds of food, which Second Harvest calculates as 131 meals for those who are hungry! Those in need are grateful for your generosity. The final food collection date for this calendar year is December 4, and 2023 dates will be published in December. Please consider including in your grocery list some items for those food-insecure neighbors around us. For questions, please contact Jan Bush. A list of the most-needed items is provided here for your convenience.

**Cereal
Peanut Butter
Canned: Fruits, Vegetables, Meats, and
Hearty Soup/Stew**



**LEFTOVER
HALLOWEEN
CANDY?**



Grace Mission has requested leftover Halloween candy to provide treats for those they serve. Please bring any candy you would like to get out of your house (and its temptation) to church

on **Sunday Nov. 6.**

We'll collect it for delivery to
Grace Mission.

Thanks!



**Join the Tallahassee Guns to
Gardens Movement**

Guns to Gardens is a grassroots ministry that safely and legally dismantles and destroys unwanted firearms. The remaining metal pieces are then forged into life-giving garden tools.

Interested in doing this prophetic work with us? All are welcome in the movement! We are especially looking for volunteers with any of the following skills and/or equipment:

- Comfort and experience with power tools
- Firearms safety training and comfort handling firearms
- Blacksmithing
- Welding
- Owns a metal-cutting chop saw
- Pastoral care



Contact us at:

gunstogardens@oldfirstchurch.org

They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. - Isaiah 2:4





GRACE MISSION REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE



We are in desperate need of your support!

We are in need of men's coats, all sizes, and would greatly appreciate donations from your church.

Donations can be dropped off at Grace Mission Tuesday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

SERVING MEALS AT GRACE MISSION

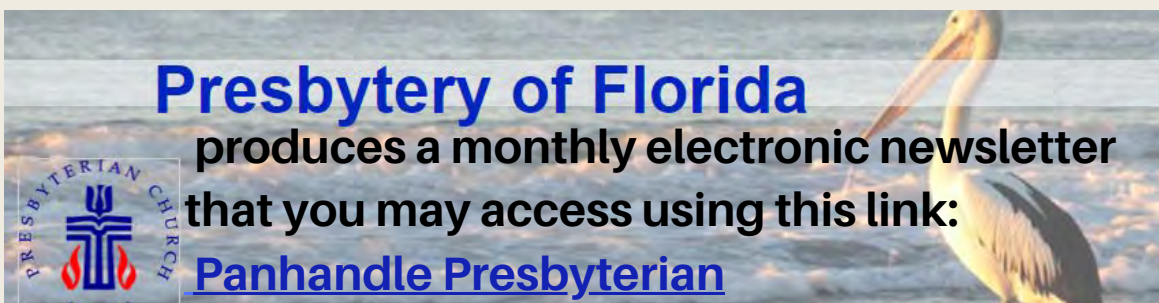


First Pres has volunteered to help serve Sunday dinner at Grace Mission on the second Sunday of every month. The next date is Sunday Nov. 13; we meet at 4 pm and are finished by 6 pm.

Upcoming date: Sun. Dec. 11

If you are interested in helping in this worthwhile effort, please contact Carol Weissert at cweissert@fsu.edu or go to the Sign Up Genius page directly at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4caca72ca3f85-grace1>

Hope you can join us.



Sunday Church School



NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Younger Children's Class 9:30am Room 306

The Younger Children's Class (Pre-K - 3rd grade) will wrap up their study on Sarah and Abraham.

Older Children's Class 9:30am Room 301

The Older Children's Class (4th- 8th grade) will continue to explore the people of the Old Testament, focusing on Samson this week.



Nursery and Preschool Childcare

9:15 a.m. – the end of worship

Infants and children up to three years old – main floor nursery
Three – Pre-K children – third floor preschool classroom

The Twinkle Toes Agency staffs both rooms. All our sitters are CPR/First Aid trained and have had a full background screening. There are two sitters in each room. Please don't hesitate to contact Eleanor Cleveland at eicleveland18@gmail.com about childcare.



Did you know...We have two separate prayer ministries, and invite you to participate in either, or both. You are not limited to asking for prayers for yourself, but when the prayer requests involves another individual, please get permission from the person concerned before submitting his or her name.

To have a prayer concern read aloud during worship, please call the office during the week (850-222-4504), and Lori will ensure that your request is relayed to both our pastoral care team and the Care and Outreach Team. You may also indicate whether the request should be repeated from week to week.

In addition to prayers read during worship, you can contact Debbie Gibson (gibsond1207@gmail.com) to be placed on a list shared with a group that has covenanted to pray for specific requests. Once Debbie knows of a need, it will be relayed to the prayer chain for the volunteers in that ministry to hold up the specific concerns or celebrations in prayer for as long as is needed. Prayers requested through Debbie will not be read during worship unless you ask for that to happen as well.



Gifts can be made [online](#), by calling (800) 872-3283, by texting PDAUKR to 41444, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church U.S.A. with "DR000156-Ukraine" on the memo line. Mail to:
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Post-Hurricane Ian: Disaster Relief



1. Write checks to First Pres and designate FLDAPDAN or PDA US Hurricane Response.
2. Send funds directly to FLAPDAN at: Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network, Inc, 3146 NW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32609. Earmark your donation with Hurricane Ian. To give with a credit card you can click the page's ["Give Now" link at FLAPDAN's](#).
3. Send funds to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) marking your check with DR000169 for US Hurricane Response at Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 64370, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Call PDA with a credit card donation at 800-872-3283 Or give with your credit card through the [PDA US Hurricane Response web page](#).
4. If you have or want to put together a mission team to go to the affected areas to help with recovery efforts, information found at [FLAPDAN Volunteer](#) will get you started.

Should you have questions, feel free to contact Presbytery FLAPDAN liaison Tim Crawford at tcrawford@cox.net or (850) 217-2597 or FLAPDAN directly at fla.pdan@pcusa.org or (941) 483-0675.

Old First Church Book Group

November 17
@ 7:00 PM
on Zoom

November's Book Group
November 17, 2022.
No Cure for Being Human
by Kate Bowler

There are multiple copies of both these books in the church office to borrow now. Start reading!!

Midtown Reader has these books in for purchase with a 10% discount. Go to the front desk and ask for FPC's Book Group books and tell them you are part of the group to get the discount.

The Public Library also has copies.

Book Group discussions are on Zoom. Look for the link in your email box the Monday before book group.

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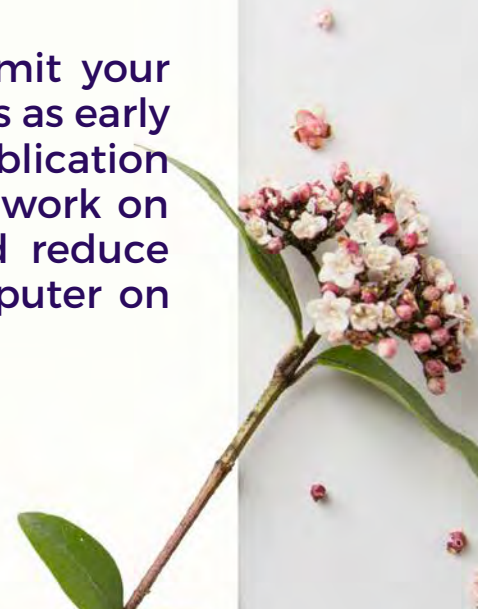
The newsletter is prepared on Mondays, including those Mondays that fall on holidays. Please submit items for publication to: newsletter@oldfirstchurch.org no later than noon on production Mondays.

A Message from the First Press Editor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to request that you submit your information for publication in First Press as early in the week prior to the Monday of publication when possible. This will enable me to work on the edition throughout the week and reduce the amount of time spent at my computer on any one day .

Thank you,
Kathee





Sunday Festival Readings

**November 6, 2022
22ND SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

HAGGAI 1:15B-2:9

&

PSALM 145:1-5,17-21 OR PSALM 98

OR

JOB 19:23-27A

&

PSALM 17:1-9

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-5,
13-17

LUKE 20:27-38



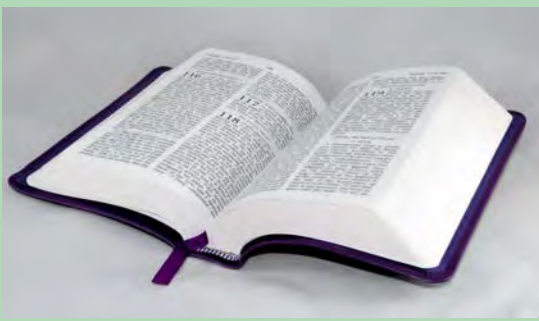
Holy scripture teaches us that God created humankind in god's own image. Christ calls us to love God, with all our mind, soul, and heart, and our neighbor as ourselves. With this comes the sacred responsibility to treat each human being with the love and respect due to a child of God.

We acknowledge the long history of systemic racism that, through violence, laws, policies, and their implementation, was intended to exclude persons who are not Caucasian from benefits and opportunities - from the first European settlers who considered themselves entitled to land and violently displaced indigenous people from their homes, to the equally long history of slavery which built the wealth of this country, to Jim Crow laws to current instances of police brutality and the overwhelming mass incarceration of people of color.

We declare ourselves utterly opposed to all forms of systemic racism. We are committed to standing with those who find themselves on the receiving end of any form of racism. We will seek out opportunities to oppose all forms of systematic racism and to ensure that black lives matter, as do those of indigenous, Asian, and Latinx people and persons of all colors or countries of origin. Our faith tells us that we can do no less, if we truly affirm that all human beings are made in god's image.

We dream of a day in which all persons are treated as bearers of that image.





DAILY LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 1- 15, 2022

Tuesday, November 1**All Saints' Day**

Morning: Pss. 63; 149

Evening: Pss. 125; 90

Isa. 26:1-4, 8-9, 12-13,
19-21

Rev. 21:9-11, 22-27 (22:1-5)
or Heb. 11:32-12:2

Matt. 5:1-12

Wednesday, November 2

Morning: Pss. 89:1-18;
147:1-11

Evening: Pss. 1; 33

Zeph. 2:1-15

Rev. 16:1-11

Luke 13:10-17

Thursday, November 3

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12-20

Evening: Pss. 16; 62

Zeph. 3:1-7

Rev. 16:12-21

Luke 13:18-30

Friday, November 4

Morning: Pss. 51; 148

Evening: Pss. 142; 65

Zeph. 3:8-13

Rev. 17:1-18

Luke 13:31-35

Saturday, November 5

Morning: Pss. 104; 149

Evening: Pss. 138; 98

Zeph. 3:14-20

Rev. 18:1-14

Luke 14:1-11

Sunday, November 6

Morning: Pss. 19; 150

Evening: Pss. 81; 113

Joel 1:1-13

1 Cor. 14:1-12

Matt. 20:1-16

Monday, November 7

Morning: Pss. 135; 145

Evening: Pss. 97; 112

Joel 1:15-2:2

Rev. 18:15-24

Luke 14:12-24

Tuesday, November 8

Morning: Pss. 123; 146

Evening: Pss. 30; 86

Joel 2:3-11

Rev. 19:1-10

Luke 14:25-35

Wednesday, November 9

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1-11

Evening: Pss. 48; 4

Joel 2:12-19

Rev. 19:11-21

Luke 15:1-10

Thursday, November 10

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12-20

Evening: Pss. 80; 27

Joel 2:21-27

Jas. 1:1-15

Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

Friday, November 11

Morning: Pss. 130; 148

Evening: Pss. 32; 139

Joel 2:28-3:8

Jas. 1:16-27

Luke 16:1-9

Saturday, November 12

Morning: Pss. 56; 149

Evening: Pss. 118; 111

Joel 3:9-17

Jas. 2:1-13

Luke 16:10-17 (18)

Sunday, November 13

Morning: Pss. 67; 150

Evening: Pss. 46; 93

Hab. 1:1-4 (5-11) 12-2:1

Phil. 3:13-4:1

Matt. 23:13-24

Monday, November 14

Morning: Pss. 57; 145

Evening: Pss. 85; 47

Hab. 2:1-4, 9-20

Jas. 2:14-26

Luke 16:19-31

Tuesday, November 15

Morning: Pss. 54; 146

Evening: Pss. 28; 99

Hab. 3:1-10 (11-15) 16-18

Jas. 3:1-12

Luke 17:1-10

If you wish to read these on your computer you
will find them on the PCUSA website [here](#).



DAILY LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 16- 30, 2022

Thursday, November 17

Morning: Pss. 143; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Mal. 2:1–16 Jas. 4:13–5:6
Luke 17:20–37

Friday, November 18

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20 Mal. 3:1–12
Jas. 5:7–12 Luke 18:1–8

Saturday, November 19

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63 Mal. 3:13–4:6
Jas. 5:13–20 Luke 18:9–14

Sunday, November 20

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23 Zech. 9:9–16
1 Pet. 3:13–22 Matt. 21:1–13

Monday, November 21

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9 Zech. 10:1–12
Gal. 6:1–10 Luke 18:15–30

Tuesday, November 22

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7 Zech. 11:4–17
1 Cor. 3:10–23 Luke 18:31–43

Wednesday, November 23

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134 Zech. 12:1–10
Eph. 1:3–14 Luke 19:1–10

Thursday, November 24

Morning: Pss. 116; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130 Zech. 13:1–9
Eph. 1:15–23 Luke 19:11–27

Friday, November 25

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40 Zech. 14:1–11
Rom. 15:7–13 Luke 19:28–40

Saturday, November 26

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90 Zech. 14:12–21
Phil. 2:1–11 Luke 19:41–48

Sunday, November 27**First Sunday of Advent**

Morning: Pss. 24; 150
Evening: Pss. 25; 110 Isa. 1:1–9
2 Pet. 3:1–10 Matt. 25:1–13

Monday, November 28

Morning: Pss. 122; 145
Evening: Pss. 40; 67 Isa. 1:10–20
1 Thess. 1:1–10 Luke 20:1–8

Tuesday, November 29

Morning: Pss. 33; 146
Evening: Pss. 85; 94 Isa. 1:21–31
1 Thess. 2:1–12 Luke 20:9–18

Wednesday, November 30

Morning: Pss. 50; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 53; 17 Isa. 2:1–4
1 Thess. 2:13–20 Luke 20:19–26

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